



**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2004**

Members Present: Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Roger Goodman, Jim Harbaugh, Larry Hill, Mary Alice Knotts, Kim Murillo

Members Absent: Yasmin Smith (excused)

Staff Present: Rhoda Naguit, Jim Vollendroff

Guests Present: Dana Boales (board applicant); Michelle DiMiscio (board applicant); Stacey Devenney, Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation; Ramona Graham, Center for Human Services; Jenna Henderson (board applicant); Anita Hidalgo, WAPIFASA; Bob Leonard, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Sue Nixon, Miranda York, Alcohol/Drug Helpline; Juliette Sauvage, Kent Youth & Family Services; Susan Schoeld, Ruth Dykeman Youth and Family Services; Sharon Toquinto, Seattle-King County AOD Prevention; Suzanne Wietting, Fairfax Hospital

Board Chair Linda Brown convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Mount Olympus Room of DASA Region IV offices, located at 400 Mercer Street, 6th floor, Seattle.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Brown welcomed everyone present with special mention of Michelle DiMiscio, a board applicant. Two other new board applicants, Dana Boales and Jenna Henderson, are expected to attend the board meeting. Linda then asked everyone to introduce him/herself.

II. MINUTES

Nancy Code made a motion, which was seconded by Joan Clement to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2004 Board Planning Retreat as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. PROVIDER AGENCY CONCERNS

A. Recovery Park Update

Suzanne Wietting of Fairfax Hospital gave an update on the Recovery Garden Project. She has been working with David Goldberg, Project Planner for the Seattle Parks and Recreation, on this project. She reported that on November 16th she attended a public hearing on the Delridge Parks Development Project where she presented the concept of a Recovery Garden as a component of the Delridge Parks Improvement Project. Twenty-nine of the 30 people who attended the

hearing strongly supported the idea that a Recovery Garden as Suzanne presented the concept would be a great addition to the park. One individual opposed the idea stating that a public space should not be utilized for a privately sponsored program.

Suzanne has been working with Gerry Coughlin of the 24-Hour Helpline and Greta Kruger who is working with the Spotlight on Recovery Steering Committee. The 24-Hour and the Steering Committee are interested in sponsoring the Recovery Garden project.

Suzanne stated that if the Board supports the Recovery Garden concept, the Board needs to submit a Mission Statement and Design Scope to Seattle Parks and Recreation within the next two weeks when the Park staff will meet to discuss park development projects for 2005. Suzanne envisions a meditation labyrinth as part of the design of Recovery Garden. Joan Clement stated that the board should indicate in the letter that there is no monetary support coming from the board for this project.

Joan Clement made a motion, which was seconded by Jim Harbaugh to authorize Board Chair Linda Brown to contact Gerry and Greta to find out more their commitment to the project and to work with them to develop a mission statement and a design concept for the Recovery Garden. The motion was unanimously approved.

Board Chair Brown thanked Suzanne Wietting for her efforts in bringing forward this Recovery Garden Recovery concept to local government officials.

B. Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDP) Shortage Crisis

Anita Hidalgo, Director of WAPIFASA, spoke to the CDP shortage. She pointed out cultural barriers contribute to the CDP shortage. Among some ethnic communities it is hard to publicly acknowledge substance abuse and entering the substance abuse treatment field is stigmatized. She would like to see incentive plans to attract more individuals to enter the field. She cited Consejo's current incentive plan for their employees as an example. If a monetary incentive can be offered it should be given to all regardless of income.

Michelle DiMiscio supported a strategy of hiring an on-site trainer to help agencies prepare CDPs. In addition, she stated that incentives other than financial should be considered and gave an example of providing more flexible work schedules that could help CDPs with child care responsibilities.

Juliette Sauvage noted that language is a significant barrier in effectively serving the growing Latino population in their service area coverage. All agencies are struggling with this issue.

Bob Leonard stated that it would be helpful to have data on gender and ethnicity of CDPs be available to make sure there is a balance on these categories.

IV. AOD PREVENTION UPDATE

Sharon Toquinto, AOD Prevention Manager, reported that they continue to collaborate with DASA Region 3/4 Conference Committee in their annual conference event in Warm Beach. The collaboration is focused on prevention and particularly on the evaluation process. They continue to provide technical assistance for evaluation to contracted agencies through a hired evaluator. At this year's Prevention Summit, they conducted two evaluation workshops. They continue to do evaluation at the end of Fiscal Year and the biennium. Evaluation continues to be the theme of Prevention. Bob Leonard commended Prevention and Jim Vollendroff for their involvement in the yearly conference in Warm Beach.

Good news! King County has received funding for five agencies in King County under the Drug Free Community Grant.

V. PRESENTATION – PARENT PARTY PATROL

Linda Elliott, founder of the Parent Party Patrol, gave a brief history of the program which started ten years ago in her basement caused by her concern for the well-being of her children. She described her efforts in collecting data to compel adults to do something to provide chaperones to youth parties and to prove to them that unchaperoned parties provide an arena for drug and alcohol use, unsafe sex, violence, teen pregnancies, property damage, and theft.

Linda has gone to PTAs and churches in promoting this program. She emphasized that providing safe environment for the children is a parent's responsibility, not the schools, law enforcement, or the church. She described how easy it is for youth to acquire fake ID for as low as \$4. She also presented some paraphernalia that have the appearance of a lipstick, pop can, highlighter pen, and bottled pop, which are sold in stores in King County that youth use to conceal possession or use of illicit drugs.

Question and Answer portion followed.

Q: Where are parties usually held?

A: Mostly in homes, but kids are mobile so it could be anywhere.

Q: How do you deal with the kid who are caught or found to be using drugs or

alcohol?

A: The best way is to talk directly to the kid. If it involves drugs, consult your physician.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Special Recognitions

Kudos to the staff of King County Assessment Center, headed by Rose Soo Hoo, for passing the State DASA audit with flying colors in spite of the absence of a Clinical Treatment Supervisor and an Office Service Supervisor.

Linda also thanked Rhoda Naguit for putting together the board accomplishments for 2004 for submission to the King County Executive.

B. ESP/Sobering Center Update

One of the actions the Board approved at the October 20, 2004 Planning Retreat was the drafting of a letter to the City of Seattle officials to express support for the retention of the funding for ESP/Sobering Center services. Board Chair Linda Brown drafted a letter. Department Director Jackie MacLean recommended a direct contact with City Councilman Tom Rasmussen instead of sending a letter. Linda talked with Mr. Rasmussen by phone. She reported that he and the City Council are concerned about the repeated use of the Sobering Center by a few individuals. The decision to cut city funding to ESP and the Sobering Center seems quite definite.

In light of the City of Seattle's decision to cut the budget for the ESP, Jim stated that the Division will be moving forward with the plans to reduce the coverage time and area. This will be in place on or before January 1, 2005. He plans to ask Patrick Vanzo to spearhead a stakeholder group including a number of individuals who attend the Chronic Populations Action Committee (CPAC) to review data, look at alternative models, provide input and make recommendation to the Division.

C. CDP Shortage Update

Linda and Kim Murillo will work on drafting a letter to Kathy Lambert on the issue of Chemical Dependency Professional shortage in King County

D. Legislative Update

This year's Joint Legislative Forum will be held on Thursday, December 9th at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Capitol Hill. There will be a "social time" at 6:30 p.m. and program will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

Rhoda Naguit has put together a list of local legislators and contracted agencies assigned for each board member to call and invite to attend the event. DASA Region 4 staff headed by Harvery Funai is making calls to non-County agencies to attend the forum. Sharon Toquinto and her staff have also invited prevention service agencies to the forum.

The priority issues for chemical dependency include excise beer tax, residential rate and closing the treatment gap.

VIII. ALCOHOL AND DRUG COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. Excise Beer Tax

Jim Vollendroff passed out copies of Factbook on State Beer Taxes. He noted that Alaska has the highest beer tax in the country at \$1.07 per gallon. The lowest beer excise tax rate is Wyoming at \$0.02 per gallon. The State of Washington is on 34th place at \$0.261 per gallon.

Joan Clement stated that Donald Lachman, a private consultant, has been engaged in this excise beer tax issue and recommended inviting him to do a presentation on state excise beer tax at one of our board meetings.

B. DASA Biennium Contract

Draft copy of DASA Biennium Contract for July 2005-June 2007 was distributed. Jim Vollendroff walked the board through the document.

C. CD Performance Indicator

Some changes have been made in the Prevention section of the upcoming quarterly CD Performance Indicator Report. The report is being finalized and will be an item for discussion at the December 16, 2004 board meeting. Division staff Liz Gilbert and Nancy Creighton will present the document.

D. Outpatient Reimbursement Rate Study

Pierce, King and Snohomish counties are participating in the contracting reimbursement rate study for chemical dependency outpatient treatment services. The participating counties will develop data collection instruments, conduct interviews, examine and analyze data collected, write a report, and hire a consultant with financial expertise. The consultant will review the accuracy and completeness of the data collected and assess the findings and conclusions of the three counties.

Once the report is completed, the participating counties will submit their reimbursement rate recommendations to DASA.

IX. OTHER CONCERNS

A. Board Representation in CD Providers Meetings

Jim stated the importance of having a board representation at every meeting of the Chemical Dependency Youth and Adult Providers.

B. Need of Shelter

Mary Alice Knotts appealed on behalf of a Native American boy needing shelter. If interested, contact Julie Codd at (206) 292-6214.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested by:

Rhoda A. Naguit
Recording Secretary

Linda Brown
Board Chair